

June Website Updates

Accomplishments

May 26, 2006: MMA Section 942 - Public Meeting for New Clinical Laboratory Tests

CMS published a notice (CMS-1324-N) that announces a public meeting on 7/17/06 to discuss payment determinations for specific new Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) codes for clinical laboratory tests. This meeting will provide a forum for interested parties to make oral presentations and submit written comments on the new codes that will be included in Medicare's clinical laboratory fee schedule for CY 2007.

June 9, 2006: MMA Section 303(c) - Payment Reform for Covered Outpatient Drugs and Biologicals

CMS issued a manual instruction (CR 5110) that announces the Quarterly Average Sales Price (ASP) for the Medicare Part B Drug Pricing File, which will be effective July 1, 2006. This instruction also announces revisions to the January 2006 and April 2006 Quarterly ASP Medicare Part B Drug Pricing Files.

What to Expect

Final Rule: Physicians' Referrals to Health Care Entities with Which They Have Financial Relationships – E-Prescribing Exception (CMS-1303-F)

This final rule creates an exception to the physician self-referral prohibition for certain non-monetary remuneration related to electronic prescribing. This is required by Section 1860D-4 of the MMA.

Targeted Release: Third Quarter of CY 2006

Proposed Rule: Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment System Changes and Calendar Year 2007 Payment Rates (CMS-1506-P)

This proposed rule would revise the Medicare hospital outpatient prospective payment system to implement applicable statutory requirements and changes arising from our continuing experience with this system and to implement certain related provisions of the MMA. In addition, the proposed rule describes proposed changes to the amounts and factors used to determine the payment rates for Medicare hospital outpatient services paid under the prospective payment system.

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Notice: Solicitation for Organizations to Accredite DME Suppliers (CMS-6040-N)

This notice will solicit accrediting organizations to accredit DME suppliers by the first phase of DME Implementation (January 2007). Section 302 of the MMA required CMS to issue these quality standards for DME suppliers.

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Notice: Frontier Extended Stay Clinic Demonstration (CMS-5030-N)

This notice establishes a demonstration project under which frontier extended stay clinics in isolated rural areas are treated as providers of items and services under the Medicare program. This is required by MMA Section 434 (a) of the MMA.

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